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Office Action Summary

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09/878,936

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

M. Lee

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Granger (3,986,202).

Regarding claim 31, Granger discloses a color processing system showing a matrix circuit 8 for converting YIQ image data into RGB data format, which meets the data conversion circuit as claimed, a sampling apparatus 10 for sampling the RGB data into a sequential format and in a preselected order, which meets the dot sequential conversion circuit as claimed, and a sampling sequence control circuit 1 for controlling the sampling apparatus 10 to output preselected orders of the RGB data, which meets the input unit for inputting a change signal as claimed. It should be noted the input image data in Granger could be derived from a video camera source such as from video source 4 since video signals are generally generated from video cameras.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Granger (3,986,202).

Regarding claims 32 and 33, Granger does not specify the RGB signal output orders as claimed. However, it is understood that the sampling sequence control 12 can be modified to generate different kinds of RGB output orders by simply change the content of a preprogrammed read-only memory as taught by Granger (col. 3, lines 14-17). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the preprogrammed read-only memory in Granger so that the output sequence orders of the sampling sequence control 12 can have the same orders as claimed.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art does not teach or suggest the first resizing circuit, the first memory, the second memory, the processing circuit, and the P/S conversion circuit as recited in claim 1, the first resizing circuit, the first memory, the second memory, the TV signal processing circuit, the LPF, and the data conversion circuit as recited in claim 16, the first resizing circuit, the first memory, the second memory, the TV signal processing circuit, the filter, the data conversion circuit, the dot sequential conversion circuit, and the second resizing circuit as recited in claim 23.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Maietta (6,061,094) shows a scalar system.

Sakamoto (4,719,509) shows a P/S converter.

Hsieh et al. (5,432,905) shows a FIFO.

Kesatoshi (5,874,937) shows a video scaler.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Lee whose telephone number is **703-305-4743**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **John Miller**, can be reached at **703-305-4795**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Lee', written in a cursive style.

M. Lee
Primary Examiner
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March 20, 2004